

C. Remarks

The claims are 9-15, with claim 9 being the sole independent claim. Claims 1-8 have been cancelled. Claim 10 has been amended to reflect the cancellation of claims 1-8. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner required Applicant to affirm the provisional election of Group I, claims 1-9. Applicant affirms this election and requests that the Examiner rejoin and consider claims 10-15, which have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite. Claims 1 and 6-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by JP 1-152015 (Ueda). Claims 2-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Ueda in view of JP 64-7001 (Honda).

Without agreeing with the propriety of the above rejections and solely in order to expedite prosecution, all rejected claims have been cancelled. Accordingly, the outstanding rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

Wherefore, it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue.

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